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GROUP 3634  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62381

Bernard KRAEUTLER

Appln. No.: 09/720,082

Group Art Unit: 3634

Confirmation No.: 6983

Examiner: D. PUROL

Filed: December 20, 2000

For: A MULTI-FUNCTION LINK BRACKET FOR A GOODS- HANDLING DOOR

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following.

**Improper Final Rejection**

The Examiner may make an Office Action final even if it is the first action in a continuation application if: a) all the claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application; and b) all the claims could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office Action if they had been entered in the earlier application. See MPEP § 706.07(b).